

SUNRIDGE BULLETIN

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CALENDAR

Thursday, December 17

Farmers Market at Ragle Park

Friday, December 18

Early Release - Winter Break

Winter Break - Dec 18 - Jan 1

Tuesday, January 5, 6:30 - 8:00pm:

Class 1 Parent Evening

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Parent Council Meeting

Monday January 11, 6:30pm:

Class 8 parent evening

Tuesday, January 12, 7:00 - 9:00pm:

Class 4 Parent Evening

Wednesday, January 13, 6:30 - 8:30pm:

Class 5 Parent Evening

Friday, January 15

**Early Release for Teacher
Conference**

Monday, January 18

**School Closed ~ Martin Luther
King Jr. Day**

Early Release this Friday, School Reopens Monday, January 4

Think Gratitude and Auction! See article on page 3.

Farmers' Market Tomorrow

The weather forecast is for sunny tomorrow, so come join the 8th grade for its winter celebration farmer's market at Ragle Park. We will be making graham cracker gingerbread houses, face painting, playing games, holding an outrageous rummage sale and selling gifts and crafts. The 8th grade class is on the home stretch for raising funds for their 8th grade trip. Let's help them out!

SunRidge Shirt Pick-up

Your ordered shirts will be ready next week. Kenna is scheduled to be here on campus on Monday, December 21, from 1:00-3:00pm for you to come get yours. You can also call Kenna to arrange a pick up at her house. Call 823-2879.

Cat Finds Home

Thank you to all of the families who offered to take the cat. We are happy to say that the cat has gone to a good home!

Gnome Needs Home

All of the SunRidge office gnomes have found new homes except for one, who is feeling very lonely at night when everyone goes home, and is worried that he might not have a home for the holidays. Anyone looking for a sweet present?

Remember Hot Lunch

Orders for the first lunch of the new year (Tuesday, January 5th) need to be received by Friday, January 1st. Forms are available in the office: you can either turn them in by Friday, December 18th or mail them (with check) to Maben by Friday, January 1st. Maben Rainwater, PO Box 1657, Sebastopol, CA 95472. Thank you from the Sixth Grade Lunch Team

Folk Art For Schools Calendars Needs You NOW

We are trying to sell 200 calendars this year to make this fundraiser successful. If everyone bought at least ONE calendar, we could do that. Please do your small part. They are available in the office, and also look for our calendar volunteers out this week in the parking lot to remind us to participate. Contact Heather with questions: heathert@sonic.net or 537-0839.

Missing Anything?

Our lost and found is overflowing with nice clothing. It would be best if things were not left out during the long winter break. Check out the rack in the breezeway to the backfield (and putting names in all clothing would be a good idea...).

Parking Sensitivity Requested for this Friday

The day before the winter break often brings more parent visitors to the classrooms. While that is nice, our limited parking can only hold so many at one time. Please be sensitive to each other's desires to park for a bit, by not parking too long. 'Tis the season for giving—how about the gift of a parking space to another?

Door Prizes Needed

The Twin Hills District is hosting an employee Holiday Party at the French Garden restaurant in the evening tomorrow night (Thursday). We are looking for good door prizes to brighten up the party. If you have anything you might like to donate to the cause (bottles of wine, gift baskets, etc.) we encourage you to feel the joy of giving by bringing it to the office by 1:30 tomorrow. Thank you!

Winter Food Drive ~ from Class Two

Our winter food drive for those in need ends this Friday. The star-covered barrel is located next to the office for your convenience. The non-perishable foods that families and children need most are: Canned tuna and chicken, beans and rice, canned soups, canned fruits, boxed and canned juices, peanut butter, pasta, canned stews, canned vegetables, breakfast cereal. Please – no homemade foods, no glass. With gratitude, Class Two

SunRidge Storage Needed

Do you have a water-tight barn or storage building that could be made available for storing SunRidge things such as extra desks, chairs, and other furniture, and costumes and props for plays? Our current storage barn needs to be vacated as a cost-cutting measure, but we have no space on campus to store more things. Help!

AfterCare Program Needs Participants

Our small afterschool program has always struggled to remain financially viable, but the economy’s effect on many family’s budgets has exacerbated the problem. Our numbers are just barely meeting what is needed for the program to operate, even after we cut costs this year by reducing staff hours. If you have been considering using AfterCare, now would be a good time to do so—we need to bring the numbers up a bit. Many thanks to those who have helped keep this important service operating over the years.

Easy Money

Holiday Shoppers don't forget your COMMUNITY SMART and ESCRIP earn money for SunRidge while you shop. Any questions? Go online at www.communitysmart.com and www.escrip.com Or contact Kathleen Stroh at 829-2436 or kk_ward@hotmail.com . Community smart cards are available in the office for \$3.50

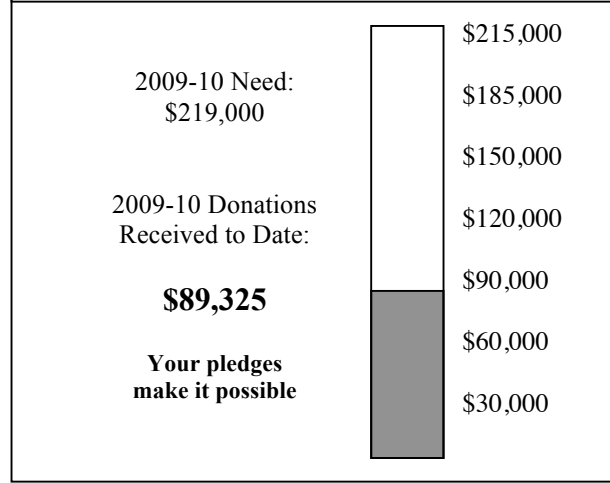
Boys' Basketball Games

Two more home games are coming up after the break: Wednesday, January 6, at **6:15pm** vs Sebastopol Independent Charter, at the Sebastopol Community Church gym. Monday, January 11, at **6:15pm** vs Sonoma Charter, at the Sebastopol Community Church.

Waldorf Methods High School?

Please see the attached letter that provides an update on the development of a Waldorf methods High School in Sonoma County. For more information, go to: <http://www.sonomacountyhighschool.org/welcome>

2009-10 Pledge Program Report



Community Service Hours Reporting

We were late in getting out the links for reporting your community service hours for the month of November, so sent out an email this week with links for reporting both November and December hours. Here they are again. Thank you for helping us have good data on the amazing number of hours parents give to our school.

Report **November** community service hours here: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/K2JZZZZ>

Report **December** community service hours here: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/K23DJ93>

Reminders!

No Cell Phones Please

We do our best to make SunRidge an electronic media-free environment. We ask parents to help by not using your cell phone around the children (i.e., not in the pedestrian crossing, outside of classrooms, in front pick-up area, etc.). Our rule for student use of cell phones is that if they must make a call, it should be made in the office only.

Flu Reminder

Help us minimize the spread of flu by keeping your sick child at home. Staff and students with flu-like illness should stay home for at least 24 hours after they no longer have a fever, or signs of a fever, without the use of fever-reducing medicines. Students with flu-like symptoms will be sent home. You can also help by reinforcing with your child the importance of frequent hand washing. Students are encouraged to wash their hands at school, and we now have hand sanitizing supplies in each classroom. Thank you for your cooperation.

Auction Holiday Gratitude

As the holidays are upon us, what better time to take a moment to self-reflect.

Each of us has something to contribute towards the SunRidge 2010 Online Auction.

Please take this moment to ask yourself, and someone else you know, for a donation. The sooner the donation is posted to our auction site, the more exposure time to advertise the contribution and your/their business.

B&B, golf, massage, acupuncture, wine, bowling, bike tours, museum, music, crafts, chiropractic, martial arts, reiki, visionquests, baseball game, restaurants, movie tix, spa day, jewelry, coaching, handyman, coffee, dance lessons, yoga, crafts by kids, gently used items, gym memberships, facial, travel, landscape, drumming, tree trimming...and more!

What does your community have to offer?

Bring it forward!

Embrace the gratitude!

Donations can be made online, easily, at www.sunridge.cmarket.com.

<<mailto:sunridger@cmarket.org>>

Questions?

Contact: Amy Schiff, amyschiff1@sbcglobal.net

Pam Koppel, pamkoppel@comcast.net

Community Involvement

Contribute to downtown Sebastopol

I am hoping to find community members willing to share their skills and talents in various areas, including web design interior design, construction, artisan playspace building, legal, accounting, fundraising, and marketing & PR. Please contact Loretta at loretta_momof2@yahoo.com

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(We can list rentals, parents selling used items, free items, lost and found, or trades. We cannot list for-profit business ads)

Missing from 7th Grade Play:

iPod; if found, contact the office.

Also, several clothing items were left at Subud Hall. They can be retrieved in the 7th grade classroom.

Need a babysitter, yard help, or other helper need?

The Parent Council is sponsoring a student work referral system for students in grades 6-8. Students can fill out a form listing jobs they can do, and parents sign it to approve the referral form going into our Student Work Referral Binder. When you need a job done, stop by the office and look through the binder. Many of our students are excellent workers and are trying to earn money for various reasons. It's a win-win!

Operations & Business Manager Seeking an Operations & Business Manager for an exciting new nonprofit, The Sebastopol Women and Families Center, which will open its doors in May, 2010. This will begin as a part-time VOLUNTEER position until the Center opens, after which it could potentially evolve into a paid part- or full-time position with benefits.

How to Apply: Please submit a cover letter and resume to: SebastopolWomensCenter@gmail.com

Piano needed! SunRidge fourth grader needs upright piano. Please call Alissa at 236-0747

Morning Helper Needed

I need help getting my kindergartener, Elijah Trainor, to school in the morning on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays. I need to drop him off at your home at 7:15am on those days. I will pay someone for this help. Please call Nate Trainor at 318-0799.

Mommy's helper needed for SunRidge family. Pickup from school and take to Sebastopol home. Prepare snack, supervise constructive play, help children clean-up. 15 - 20 hours per week. Please call Dustin @ 707-480-5883.

Share Rental Available

Vegetarian Waldorf Family seeks similar to share west Santa Rosa home. 2 bdrms and a bath in a private downstairs wing available November 1st. \$1,200.00, includes utilities. Call 542-7372.

Room for Rent

Spacious master bedroom with private bath, walk-in closet, deck and private entrance if wanted. Nice NW Santa Rosa neighborhood, near Hwy's and shopping, easy to downtown. \$700 per month, utilities included. Call Rebecca: 525-8750.

